RED CLOUD, - NEBRASKA

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE. Drear were the world without a child. Where happy infant never smiled, Nor stirred a mother's love. We sooner could the flowerets spare, The tender bud and blossom fair, Or breath of spring-time in the air, Or light of dawn above!

No monarch rules with lordlier grace Than belpless infancy, its place
Soon narrowed to a span;
Outstretching hands that claim as right
All things that locm upon the sight, And recking naught of greater might That will discrewn the man.

Oh, little king! Oh, little queen! You rule not with the golden sheen And pomp of larger courts: But sovereign is your gentle sway, Strong hearts their willing homage pay, Love scatters garlands on your way. where your young life disports.

No poet utters daintier word Than oft from lisping lip is heard— No wit moves purer mirth; In mimio satire babes grow bold. and quaint surprises they unfold. As first their untaught eves behold The wondrous shows of earth. - William Stevens.

----FEMALE OFFICIALS.

The Employment of Women in Govern-

have replied satisfactorily to these in- ary men and artists. quiries then pass an educational examNominations to compete were given ination. In Switzerland it would be by the late Postmaster-General, Lord considered quite becoming were the John Manners, who took great interest daughter of a Director-General or of a in the plan. The ladies who received distinctions of class are maintained. Experience has proved that, in cases where the staff is composed partly of women, of men and of boys, the influfor the services of a suitable substi-

permitted the widows of postmasters to succeed their husbands. About ten years since it was enacted that men named by the postal authorities should used to carry the mail-bags. When the authorities availed themselves of the

for the conveyance of letters. Since 1873, ladies have been employed about one hundred and fifty of these are intrusted to ladies, who carry out the service independently and with which there are eleven in Austria, in the Empire. Persons of influence frequently endeavor to obtain these places for ladies in whom they are interested. They are not open to public competition. Inquiries are made as to the anlice; nevertheless it sometimes happens that the person nominated comes under the classification of females rather than ladies. Speaking generally, the employment of women in Austria, particularly the principle. in the country, may be considered satisfactory; they are, for the most part, remarkable for attention and application to their duties. In order to obtain these appointments, candidates must pass an examination of moderate difficulty. They receive one florin Austrian money a day. Those who obtain places functionary of the State. They must not be under eighteen, and while holding such appointments they cannot marry. Their position in society is not affected by their occupying posts under Government. Ladies are also employed in the Telegraphic Departments, and

they can marry. In Italy, ladies work in the telegraphgalleries; they are expected to pass an educational test. They mix in society, and their social status is not compromised by the character of their occupabelong to patrician houses, but this is rarely the case. They are not allowed

The Government of Russia employs graph galleries. These ladies are usu- racy of performance-to that of the first, of us. the State. They must be acquainted with four languages. They are well received in society. Sometimes nominations are given by influential per-

In Germany the employment of women has not met with the success which has attended efforts in that diwe recollect that German women are where he saw ladies officiating as essentially good housewives, much of clerks. These ladies were the widows their attention being usually bestowed and daughters of officers who had died on what we may call the domestic science of cooking, plying the busy had filled high offices in the Civil Ser- or respect of foes. Store-clothes only "No, sir." needle, and ministering themselves to the comforts of home. In fact, they study domestic economy in the most practical manner.

In the Netherlands ladies are now employed as clerks in the post-office, and also in the capacity of assistants. The system of open competition has been introduced; but we have no data by which to judge of the results.

The Belgian Government has shown a disposition to try the experiment of giving official occupation to women Many women of the bourgeoise class, not ladies, are employed in small post-offices and as telegraphists. At Namur Bessemer for the reception of his new an attempt has been made to employ and powerful telescope, is now nearly the lovely ladies continue to bloom in momen as clerks. They are nominated finished. The telescope itself has arby influential persons. It is too early rived from the makers, and is now

The French Government employs Bessemer, which it is believed will perwomen in various departments of the mit of telescopes being made on a much State. The Financial Ministry avails larger and more powerful scale than itself of their services in the "Bureau de Tabac." These posts are given by nomination to the widows and daughwomen in the branches of classification and control. In the Educational Department they act as trachers, and as superintendents of infant schools. Women are employed by the post-office as receivers; in the central administration as accountants, in the registration, and in minor occupations. Conditations of the dome in the upper portion of glass, with windows facing in every direction, and within there will be placed mirrors of silvered glass, which is part of the new invention, silvered glass being used in place of metal. The room and dome with its windows will revolve and keep and in minor occupations. Conditation and in minor occupations. Candidates pace automatically with every motion o up for an educational examination. They have to be provided with testi-monials as to character by the Mayors about forty-five feet.

We have teachers in San Francisco,
This style of dress has the advantage,
also, who hold the same theory. By
moreover, of enabling the wearer to be

their intentions to the Government. Inquiries are instituted as to the character and circumstances of the intended

consideration in society. beneficial results. The temale teleg- a slipper to a sweeping cap, can be pur- lated to inspire ought save terror to the raphists belong to the class from which | chased for a mere trifle. Large agencies | British breast. - All the Year Round. assistants behind the counters of shops are constantly sending out the latest are recruited; these posts, however, are and most desirable models of dresses, open to women of all grades. Great wraps and indeed of every article of apaccuracy, general intelligence and parel worn. These patterns are easily take the responsibilities attached to and Dublin. A large number of women easily followed, and advice is even given ject of the Society to cremate human offices under Government? This ques- of the same class are employed as as to the selection of material and trim- bodies, but also to prevent the dreadful tion may be best answered after a consideration of facts bearing on the subject livered letters. These situations are can exercise her own taste and ingenuity entire authorities, as well as practicing gathered from different countries all most eagerly sought for. Years in drapery and garnishing her toilet, physicians, have proven the fact that where the services of women have been sometimes pass before candidates ob. This will, of course, make the garment all there is but one positively certain sign In Switzerland the Administration the thought occurred to Sir John Tilley, the lady has an artistic eye for combiemploys women in the Postal and in K. C. B., then Secretary, that the clerkthe Telegraph Departments. In fact, ships in the Post-office Savings-Bank safer, provided she were not absolutely very problematical, and no absolute rethere are no greater difficulties for might be filled by gentlewomen of limwomen to encounter in obtaining ap- ited means, daughters of officers in the vice than to give scope it, bad taste, al- stances are on record where people in pointments in that Republic than for navy and army, of civil officers of the though glaring and inharmonious toilets a state of trance did not awake even as to character and health; those who legal and medical professions, of liter-

Minister to take office as a clerk. The nominations had to pass a competitive examination by the Civil-Service Commission for the limited number of appointments to be filled up. The nominations were given, as far as possible, ence of women has a beneficial effect to gentlewomen of the class for whom on their associates in official work. they were intended, it being felt that, The women may marry, but if absent in the existing constitution of society, from their duties they have to pay ladies are practically excluded from many occupations which women of the tute. The Swiss Administration has middle class and of lower social station had cause to congratulate the country on the satisfactory manner in which the on the satisfactory manner in which the women it employs have performed their duties.

The London correspondent of the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years of age are ineligible. The numerous long that every living thing would be satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years of age are ineligible. The numerous long twenty two years restored 3 175 space that every living thing would be satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the Humane Society in London has during the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the satisfactory manner in which the satisfactory manner in which the under seventeen or above twenty years face would so rapidly radiate into the satisfactory manner in which the satisfactory mann The Austrian Government formerly the opportunity is valued. The appointnated candidates are only confirmed after a six months' satisfactory probatake the active management of these tion. The ladies first appointed enoffices, while the widow provided means tered on this footing, and had to learn of transport. At that time horses were their duties from experienced officers of the staff, who had thus the opportunity of testing their abilities. It was solely on facilities offered by railroads, a fixed the ground of merit, as testified by sum was given to the widows, on consideration of their using the railways was organized, in 1876, into two classes, with two or three principal clerks, and a lady superintendent, who holds in Austria in minor functions, such as the position of a staff officer. Since the sale of stamps, registration of let- then, also, all promotions have been ters, and so forth. Eighty ladies are made by merit. Those best qualified employed at post-offices in Vienna in to judge pronounce the experiment to services of this character. In the rural have been a decided success; a success, districts of Lower Austria, where there in fact, beyond the most sanguine are, say, seven hundred post-offices, anticipations. The public has been well served by ladies, to whom the work has furnished an honorable independence-at least in part, a qualificapromptitude. Nominations are given tion which we will presently explain. by the Directors of the post offices, of The evidence of success rests on no mere rumor or opinion, nor even on the the principal towns of each country of testimony which has been emphatically given in the Postmaster-General's reports. Had the ladies proved unequal to their duties, or had the experiment worked badly in other ways, the femalestaff would before now have been tecedents and manner of life of the can- broken up or left to await gradual exdidates through the medium of the po- tinction. Nothing but a well-proved, practical success could explain or justify the steady annual increase of the staff from the original little band of thirty to the present number of one hundred and

But the result of the experiment cannot be fairly judged till it is tried by another test-the nature of the work performed. Perhaps it is merely mechanical, such as could be equally well done by "writers" or "boy-clerks," and the ladies are in the unenviable poas postmistresses or assistant agents sition of being supplied with work have to take an oath, like any other rather for their necessities than for any worthy services they can render. The fact is directly opposite, and furnishes another argument against the mental inferiority of women. The work which they perform in the Savings-Bank Department is of the same character as that of the male staff; and they have performed it in such a manner that duties of greater importance have been from time to time intrusted to them. It would be out of place here, even if we had the necessary information, to attempt to describe these duties; but tion. Occasionally, indeed, these ladies | we believe we are quite safe in this broad comparison: That the work performed by the principal clerks and by the first and second classes of the ladies' branch is at least equal—in character lad es; but, as in Italy, only in the tele- and quantity, in promptness and accu- with you. Go your way and keep clear over a million.

ally related to officials in the service of second and third classes of the male staff respectively. While Sir John Tilley, with the cordial cooperation of Lord John Manners, was introducing the system of lady-clerkships in the post-office, he was informed by Mr. Harbern, late of the Prudential Life-Insurance Office, that he had introduced into that office rection in other countries. The cause a similar system, after a visit he paid to of this may, perhaps, be found when the Treasury in Washington in 1870,

vice. They were received by the President at the White House, and were welcomed in the best society. The American Republic and the Republic of Switzerland have thus provided employment for ladies in the manner essayed by monarchical England; and from consideration of the facts bearing on the employment of women by Government in various countries, it would appear that success has attended efforts of the kind in nearly every in-

stance. - Chicago Tribune. to speak with confidence as to the re- ready to set up. It has been construct- Manchester can produce. By the side ed on a plan devised by Sir Henry of the telescope, and the upper end of

of their respective places of residence, or by a police superintendent. Women employed by the French Government the Balcony," was sold at New York may marry, but if they do so while fill- the other day for \$3,850.

The Lion and the Jackal-A Fable.

One day a Hyena, who was out of a job and had a buzz-saw feeling towards all the world, met a Jackal on the plain and began: "Searching for old bones and leav-

ings, I presume?" "Yes," was the humble reply. "As eat after others have been satisfied. 1 am, however, fat, healthy and in good spirits.

"See here," continued the Hyena, as he sat down in the shade, "you have Virginia. just as much right to be a Lion as the Lion has. I see no reason why he should live off the fat of the land and you off the bones."

"I never thought of that before, mused the Jackal. "Well, you are very foolish to be hunting bones when you might as well gether.

be a Lion. I wouldn't stand it if I were The Jackal thought the matter over, and went to a Lion that dwelt on the California thrown in. hillside and said: "I have just as good a right to be a

Lion as you have.' "I second the motion;" was the grave

"And I'm going to be, too." "Bully for you!" growled the king of beasts.

"And will you tell me how to be-"Certainly. Take this path over the hill, and whenever you meet an animal may properly be called countrymen.

you must paw and roar and act as near The Jackal moved away in high spirits, and had not gone far before he met a troop of his kind. He began to paw | 000. and roar and swell up, and when he had

tired himself out, the leader of the troop came forward and said: "Any fool can see that you are nothing but a Jackal, but since you aspire to be a Lion we can have no feelings

The Jackal found himself knocked about by the Lions as a base impostor, and shunned by his kind as unworthy of friendship, and between the two fires he could neither kill for himself nor eat of what others had slain. He was brought low with starvation and de- York city alone. - N. Y. Sun. spair, and as the vultures gathered

around him he said: "Even if I had succeeded in making myself believe I was a Lion, these birds

was a Jackal." Moral:-You must appear to be what deceive the eye.

Boerland Beauties. Such even of the belles as have had their manners polished and their minds enlarged by travel in Natal and a visit to the "city" (namely, Maritzburg) seem to fling aside the embarrassing trappings of civilization when they return to the parental roof. Not that I would be understood to hint that the Boer maidens could be guilty of such an impropriety in its most literal sense; far from it. Beneath the orange trees and blue-gums of the paternal residence ted and vellow cotton dresses which of a bevy of young Boeresses a tulip-bed is dingy indeed, and even red and yellow poppies would have enough to do to hold their own against the masses of "No." color with which these cov damsels love to decorate themselves. None of your neutral tints or paltry touches of color

the horizon. It is fortunate for these Francisco Post.

ing official positions they must notify Personal Taste and Skill in Woman's ladies that, considering the not very chastened character of their taste in dress, nature has endowed them with Never did fashion give such scope to a brilliancy and purity of complexion husband, and the requisite authoriza- individual fancy and taste as at the which not even the forcible coloring is only granted if the information proves present. In studying the past, each of their raiment can avail to kill. The satisfactory. The position in the social century and epoch shows a characteris- pure red and white of their round world of women thus employed depends | tic style of dress appropriate to its time | cheeks, and dazzling fairness of their on their family, their education, and a and peculiar to its people. At the pres-variety of other circumstances; but, ent day there exists no longer style in plexions of England, and are only regenerally speaking, those occupying the dress, and it is almost impossible to be tained by the strictest care on the part higher posts in official life meet with out of style, as eccentric, old fashioned of their buxom owners. The thickest and even ugly garments are in the of veils and the most nun-like of fore-The English Government has em- height of favor, provided they are put head and chin-bands are worn whenployed women as telegraphists since on in an artistic manner. And in order ever there is the slightest chance of ex-January, 1870. Nominations to com- to be conspicuous now-a-days, a lady has posure to the outer air; and as for the pete are given by the Postmaster-Gen- to be a downright dowdy; and a dowdy sun, he is never allowed to imprint eral; the limits of age are "not under in this day and generation has not the even the most fugitive kiss on the fourteen or over eighteen." They re- shadow of an excuse for herself. The blooming cheeks of the belles of Boerceive eight shillings a week; and they surprising rates at which beautiful and land. On the occasions of the periodwork eight hours a day between the fashionable dress goods can be pur- ical visits to the towns to attend the hours of eight a. m and eight p. m. | chased puts it in the power of any lady "Nacht-mahl," or Sacrament of their They formerly worked in separate gal- who dresses at all to dress well. She church, the groups of veiled beauties and describe all its industrial applicaleries, but it was found desirable to cannot even plead as an excuse the high peering from the wagons give the Boer tions would require a number of place them in the same galleries as the rates of the dressmakers, for she can be the aspect of a Turk traveling with his men and boys, and their society and her own dressmaker. Stylish and grace- harem. Nor, by all accounts, was the mutual influence has been productive of ful patterns of every description, from engaging naivete of these houris calcu-

Crematica. quickness are required for the work, adjusted and simple in construction, Berlin, Germany, has published its anplished. It is deemed inexpedient to given by the dressmaker is put into the which it appears that the number of port of animal life should be pure. employ females in night work. At the lady's own hands by divers marks, members increased from thirty-three to present time nine hundred and sixty- notches and other unmistakable printed | 107, and that the applications for memvelopment of great skill and taste in the imperceptible, if breathing has appaart of dress, and they not only show rently ceased altogether even to the excountless ways, were yet slaves to the limit of three days, which the body fickle godd , and it is a matter of con- must be kept after death, has expired. gratulation det the grandchildren have From scientific sources we know that, come to be !stapendent, reasoning be- in the course of twenty-five years, there ings, with minds and tastes and toilets were 990 cases of trance discovered in in a ladylike and refined appearance as persons who were in a trance to life. ments made (as we have said) by com- long as the dress lasts. There are a Dr. Bonhier, of Paris, mentions fiftypetitive examination among the nomi- thousand and one ways of making pret- three instances during his practice in surfaces of lakes and rivers protects the ty and fresh toilets, with one rich dress that city where the bodies showed signs life which exists in such waters. Were to do duty as a foundation for varying of returning life while they were in toilets; for much of the attractiveness their coffins. The remains in fifty-two water deposits would become solid and elegance of a lady's dress is made coffins dug up in two condemned and masses, is which all their teeming life up of trilling accessions in the shape of abandoned graveyards inside the limits | would be immovably imprisoned. pretty ruffs and frills, delicate and fresh of the City of Paris showed unmistakaribbons, dainty laces and charming lit- ble signs of having been buried alive. tie overdresses, fichus and caps, and This fact becomes evident when the

The Empire State.

Tribune.

Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, West

All twelve of these States combined do not contain as many people as New York. They fall nearly a million short. Add to the total of the twelve the population of either Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Maryland or Minnesota, and New York is ahead of all thirteen to-

New York State has more inhabitants regarded by the mass of mankind. than all New England. It has more inhapitants than all New England, with

Re-enforce the population of Ohio with the united populations of New Hampshire. Rhode Island, Delaware, Florida, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada one. Books, of course, are for a long and Oregon, and you have almost exactly the population of New York. Of New York's population of five than one half, live in cities and towns of the moment, to keep up the interest of over 10,000 population. The re- and attention of the undisciplined maining two and a quarter millions minds that, with the best intentions and

cities and towns of over 10,000 popula-There are thirteen cities of over 20 .-

There are in the State thirty-nine

There are seven cities of over 50,000: New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Albany, Rochester, Troy and Syracuse. That is the order of their comparative size.

considerably more than one-third of up columns of figures as long as a the State's population. Together, these two towns are larger than any outside State in the Union, with six exceptions. There are nineteen States which have not the population of New

No Chance.

A man on whom the burdens of winter had left their mark entered an office would have known by the meat that I on Griswold street yesterday and Reading, writing and spelling are promptly inquired:

"Do you want a cashier?" "Or a private secretary?" " No. sir."

"Want a porter?" "No. sir. "Want anybody at the house to take

care of your horses?" "Haven't any horses." "Want any coal brought in?" "Don't use coal." "Want any wood sawed?"

"No.

"No: I board." "Shall I sweep out your office for a quarter?" " No.

"Can you recommend me for a job?"

"Feel like lending me ten cents?" "No. "Go a nickel on me?" " No. "Give me that stub of a cigar?" "No: I'm smoking that."

"All right; I'll leave it within half an hour. Good day, sir."

"Think there's any chance for me

a vision of startling spleador to the so- a native Californian with a fine voice. We have teachers in San Francisco, visible almost as far as the flash of the heliograph, until she is actually—if one may use the expression—hull down on of a loud noise can be expected.—Ean

Air and Water.

The two substances everywhere met with on the surface of this globe which receive the least popular attention are for the Yorktown Centennial. air and water. The latter especially is one of the most remarkable substances in nature, and exceeds in its pervasiveness even the air. Go where we will, on the most arid desert, the mountain top, the frozen pole, in the deepest in regard to his literary work, said: "I cavern, we meet with water in some or all of its forms. The coldest, hottest. or driest air found in nature contains the giant power of chemical affinity it is directly combined or is locked up as water of crystallization. To adequately discuss all the natural phenomena in which some form of water is a factor would require a volume; to enumerate in clay that Mark Twain and Charles

bodity health can only be supported by for him, at a cost of £5,018, by his adour taking quantities of both at short mirers, after the Corn Law League had intervals. Both may and often do be- fulfilled its mission. come the vehicles of deadly poisons. which in densely populated countries The Cremation Society of the City of and towns are liable to contaminate in which he was born in repair, and keep quickness are required for the work, adjusted and simple in construction, which is, as a rule, satisfactorily accom- and the envied and peculiar "twist" life about 1880, from that supplies of each needed for the sup- into a library for the use of the country them. It is of essential importance Air and water are the great natural distributers of heat and cold. The To how great an extent are women of various classes qualified to undertake the responsibilities attached to them, and by the analogous currents of water established by the action of heat in the great seas. Proximity to large bodies of water also has a very important effect upon climate. Water slowly tain appointments. In the year 1875 the more novel and attractive, provided that death has occurred, and that is absorbs the summer heat in very large quantity, and slowly gives it oft again to the colder air of winter, thus tempering what would otherwise be cold and Air and water are the great natural distributers of mechanical energy. The men. Preliminary inquiries are made Crown, of those engaged in the clerical, are now the exception and not the rule, when their skins were burned with redheat expended in raising the masses of the handsome thing by her daughters water that flow through their channels in giving them each a \$1,000 bond. skill but wisdom, for this is a sensible amining physician, if the limbs are stift to the clouds. The winds that propel generation, say what the grumblers will and cold, if the opening of a vein draws our ships and wind motors are the prodto the contrary. The vogue of cramped no blood-still these signs are not sure uet of solar energy also. The chief waists and thin-soled shoes has happily and reliable proof of death, and the and most economical means by which passed away, and gone to be numbered possibility still exists that the patient is the heat generated in the combustion with the vain and foolish fashions relig- lying in a trance. The indications of gen- of fuel can be converted into mechan-

verts into steam.

The snow blankets which have spread this year over a large portion of our land perform a similar service for the last but 23 least there is a winds Eden remains in the coffin are found in a vegetable life which lies dormant beof flowers which may be converted into position which demonstrates the des- low. Without this protection the hats and capes, perures, garlands and perate exertions made to gain freedom ground would be too deeply frozen, wreaths, wherewith to transform a dull, from the terrible imprisonment. If the the frost would be too late in leaving grave toilet into a bright beautiful dress figures in the case of New York above the earth in the spring, the growing it for Queen Flora herself. - Cor. N. F. mentioned are applied to Germany season would be shortened, and many there would be about 154 persons buried of the plants that now thrive in the alive annually in that country. - Chicago | temperate zones would cease to exist in

latitudes where they now abound. Air and water vapor are the great diffusers of light. Were it not for our atmosphere no solar light could pene-The exact population of New York trate our houses where the suns rays State by the census of 1880 is 5,028,982. do not directly enter, except such as New York's gain in population in the might be reflected from solid objects. ten years from 1870 to 1880 was 700. Everything not directly illuminated by Presbyterian. 223; an increase greater than the en- the sun would lie in deep shadow. In necticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Out of the direct sunshine only the low-Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, est forms of life could exist. But the enormous diffusing, transmitting and be ancient Rum. - American Queen. reflecting power of our atmosphere compensates almost wholly for disadvantages of position, causing light to penetrate almost as universally as the

> air itself Thus is illustrated the wonderful character of these common substances -air and water-so important to all net. animated existence, yet so heedlessly Scientific American.

Indian Education in Virginia.

The effort has been for a natural, all-round growth rather than a rapid time of no avail, and object-teaching, place, with every other device that inmillions, 2,713,021, or somewhat more genuity is equal to, often on the spur strong desire to know English, have small patience for preliminary steps. A peripatetic class was thus devised to relieve the tedium of the schoolroom, and had, to speak literally and figuratively, quite a run. It usually began with leap-frog, and then went gayly on to find its "books in the running brooks, sermons in stones," etc. Geography is taught with molding sand and iron-The first three are over 100,000; the raised dissecting maps; arithmetic at first two, over half a million; the first, first with blocks. The Indians are particularly fond of each, and the ad-New York city and Brooklyn contain vanced class is quite expert in adding ledger page, and equal to practical problems of every-day trade and simple business accounts.

Nothing, however, can equal the charm of the printed page. It has the old mystery of "the paper that talks." "If I cannot read when I go home. said a young brave, "my people will laugh at me." The gratitude of the St. Augustines over their first textbook in geography was touching. taught together by the word method and charts. Later, attractive little primaries have been very useful, and unbound numbers of children's magazines, such as are used in the Quincy schools. Most of the Dakotas can now read at sight as simple English as is found in these, and are beginning to take pleasure in reading or in listening to easy versions of our childhood classics of Robinson Crusoe, and Christopher Columbus, and George Washington with his little hatchet. One of their teachers who tried the hatchet story on them in preparation for the 22d of February, says: "Such attentive listeners I never saw before. They were perfectly enraptured. They understood everything, even to the moral. A few days after this I was annoyed by talking in the class. When I asked who did it, every one blamed his neighbor. I said, 'Now, boys don't tell a lie. Who will be a George Washington? Two boys at once stood up and said, 'We did it.' " Another teacher was less successful with her moral, in trying to explain a hymn they had learned to recite

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin Each victory will help you some other to The next day one of the girls came to her, exclaiming, triumphantly, "I vic-tory! I victory! Louisa Bullhead get mad me. She big temptation. I fight her. I victory!"-Helen W. Ludlow, in

Harper's Magazine. -The latest novelty in spiritualism is the production of ghostly lights in dark seances. The luminous shapes are crosses, circles, triangles, and other emblems, and they float mysteriously over the heads of the spectators. A Boston medium is the producer.

-Iron-rust is a new shade of red.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

-George Eliot left \$200,000. -John G. Whittier will write the ode

- Bev. L. T. Chamberlain read 2,000 in regard to his literary work, said: "1

assure you that I barely average \$6,000 a vear. -Miss Harrison, who is now Lady Arthur Hill, receives a royalty of four

thousand dollars a year on her ballad, ... In the Gloaming. She was formerlyin governess. -Karl Gerhardt, a Hartford draughtsman, modeled so fine a figure of his wife

-Mr. John Bright's library is a nota-Both air and water are essential to ble feature in his modest home, twelve the existence of all known life. Our hundred volumes of which were bought

Dudley Warner have sent him to Europe

for education in sculpture.

-Mr. Carlyle's friends, it is reported, wish to put the little house in Scotland

. M. Gillis, a wealthy merchant of St. Petersburg, has offered a prize of one thousand florins for the best exposition of Kant's views on "The Ideality of Time and Space." He will also publish the successful work at his own expense and give the profits to the author. -Miss Kate Smith, an inmate of the Union Home for Old Ladies in Phila-

delphia, after three years' labor, ims completed a quilt containing 55,552 lire dogs. pieces. She has been blind from infancy, but threaded every needle herself, and used one hundred spools of thread in her work. -Mrs. Betsey H. Perkins, of Taunton, Mass., celebrated her one-hundreth birthday the other day, and did

She remmembers the excitement caused by the inauguration of Washington, which happened when she was eight years old. She has fifty-two living descendants.

The envelope of aqueous vapor which has his autograph and seal in vermillion, not! Come in and warm yourself, Mr. Mr. Hathaway made his way into the surrounds the globe, and forms a nota- and is covered with pretty sprays and Hathaway. Isn't she over at her lair of the wild beast. ble part of its atmosphere, is, as has leaves. The titles are old enough: grandfather's?" been well shown by Tendall, the great | "Pear and Peach Blossoms in the Win-

of age are ineligible. The numerous applications for nomination prove how best" black silk dress will keep her ing twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be twenty-two years restored 3.175 space that every living thing would be the every living thi political novel, which may shortly be English history with which Mr. Disraeli | couldn't sit down nor rest until I know | way, in a breathless pause. "How on himself was so closely bound up, and which witnessed his denunciation of Sir | winter night." Robert Peel and his lively warfare with Mrs. Chase, involuntarily shuddering as to get warm, and I hugged up against

HUMOROUS.

-Domestic animals are supposed to be dumb, yet we have seen several dogs in Syracuse that were remarkable tall curs .- Syracuse Times.

-It is not the brilliant author, working quietly with his pen, who makes the most noise in the world. It is the po- go and look for little Betsey, too?" litical stump speaker and the boiler maker. - N. O. Piergune.

-Monday evening, February 21, a young Baltimorean came rushing home four years, who was always begging for something turown over his shoulder. in breathless haste, exclaiming: "Papa, papa! George Washington is dead, and there's no school to-morrow. - Baltimore

spirits in Kentucky that is one hundred | pet. and seventy-four years old. This must

little after moulting, but was unable to the table, eating bread and butter and brief's trusty knife, little lietser's sing his entire tune. The little four- apple-jelly. year-old, after listening to one of the bird's vain attempts to master his tune, said very composedly. "Mamma, birdie only sang half a verse."-Rome Senti- Hathaway.

-A debating society has tackled the question: "Is it worse to think you've more, than to think there is one stair more when you've reached the top, and bring your foot down so hard that it defaulty. tingles for four hours?"-Boston Post.

just in time .- Boston Transcript. doctor's office and breathlessly ex- on their faces. to send, so I came myself." - Galveston up in the air.

Wouldn't Duplicate Garfield's Expert-

"I want a suit of clothes," said shop and addressing the proprietor.

"It may not be necessary to add." continued the young man, "that I of the lost child. haven't any money." "Not necessary, sir; nor is it neces-

little circumstance. Once when Presi about by the wind-and if she should dent Garfield was a young man, just at drop down anywhere for a minute to my age, a tailor trusted him for a suit rest, there's that dreadful drowniness of clothes. 'I don't know you, sir,' that comes with cold. And I shall nevsaid the tailor, when young Garfield er see my poor little darling again!" riade the wardrobial proposition.

"You have no advantage of me, said Garfield, 'I don't know you.' " But I never saw you before, said the tailor.

"'No advantage,' reiterated Garfield. 'I never saw you before.' " Hanged if I don't trust you, said day. Garfield is President, while the way, with a troubled voice. "And evtailor is rich and has been offered any ery one knows how daring a bear will office within the gift of the Government. Now, note the chain of coinci- ground." dences. Garfield was poor; so am L. He was just my age; so am I. He did not know the tailor, and the tailor did er seen the tailor before. You never saw me before, and I never saw you before. Now, sir, there is just the prettitailor, but they know me --- "

"Well, sir, I say that I would go to some other tailor, but all the other tailors in Cleveland know me, and this breaks the chain."

"Very likely," said the tailor.

these young men." "I am refused, am I?

"Rather!" "All right sir, have it your own way. I am not particular, only wanted to these woods. help you along. Come out and Piltake a drink with you. No? Well then, a mountain, where people se'dom cared tampered with.

Our Young Readers.

THE MERRY CHICKADEE. All the world is wrapped in snow. Wer the blins the cold winds thew. Through the valler sown being him the mountain brooks are still. or a rippie from the hill.
or each till murauring rid

Come with me Where the applies used to hang! To the tree Where the birds of summer sang!

There's a happy fellow there, Fur the cold he does not care, And he always cuits to me. "Chickadee, chiquadee." He's a merry little follow.

For he wears a winter overcost of gray; And his cheery little voice Makes my happy heart rejoice, White be calls the live-long day-"Calls to me-From the leafless apple-tree, frem be boys from twent to twig,

Tapping on each tiny sprig. " Chick wice. He's a merry little fellow, Neither red, nor blue, nor reliew, He's the cheery bird at winter,

-Henry R. Durt, in St. Nicholas. The same of the sa

LITTLE BETSEY. "Is our little Betsey here" said Mr. Hathaway, putting his cold pur- the very bear that Hunter Gabriel and

"Chickatee!

farm-house It was a bitter cold night in December, with snow lying deep on the the forest and a fire built as high as be there -" they could pile the logs on the old iron But Mr. Hathaway struck the bar-

And the farmer and his wife were the hearth with the children, while a breath.

on the table. looking straight up, they could see the should be found alive and well. And stars shining in the sky overhead, and before the echoes had ceased to be an watch the sparks go careering madly back and forth there came the sound of up the wide throat of the chimney.

Johnny was on his knees, with the hammer, cracking away at the butters. And then, also, there was a low -Ko-Kun-Hua, the Chinese Pro- nuts and hickory-muts, and Rosa was muilled sound like the growling of some

of their own. A lady need not be rich Amsterdam; in Hamburg, 107 in five conservator of terrestrial heat. Should dow," "Tender of Flowers," "Get Up with a perturbed face. "She went rocky chamber of considerable and since, and nobody seems to know curls mingling with the reddish brown expected to see the light. It is said where she is. No. Mr. Chase of their fur. that it will deal with that period of thank'ee kindly all the same-but I "Little Betsey" cried Mr. Hathawhere my little gal is, this freezing earth came you here

she clasped little Bell closer in her arms. the dear little bearles, and we have all Mr. Chase got up

Johnny,

For Mrs. Hathaway's "little Betsey" borhood A curly headed, blue ever little elf of Gabriet sliding over the snow, with

fairy-stories, ginger cookles and flowers, who wandered up and down in summertime, with her sun-bonnet hanging down her back, and rode down had on joyfully. -There is a hog in Ohio which is the boys' sleds in winter, with a fur-I am not able to kill for myself I must the present population of any one of the mid-day many of our apartments fifty years old. This must be ancient edged hood field fight around her bloom- he, displaying the head and claws of a these twelve States: Colorado, Con- would require artificial illumination. Greece. - Puck. There is a bottle of ing face little Betsey was everybody's huge wild animal. "I found this bear

> She had a little difference of opinion 'Me want some more jelly, mamma,"

said Betsev, at last. "You have had enough," said Mrs. "Me soul have some more," said Bet-

"No, my dear, you will not." reached the top when there is one stair the mother, who sometimes found it all, wasn't it?" - Golien Days. necessary to govern the little willful creature with a firm yet gentle hand. "Then me'll run away!" said Betsey,

othes."

And she's such a little mite of a thing—luxury to the people. But it would be a my friend, I wish to relate to you a mid the snow so deep, and drifted all good thing for office-seeking politicians.

Hathaway," said Mr. Chase, although there were tears in his own eyes. "Never despair. We'll find the little has yet find willing. was lurking somewhere among the

become when there is snow on the They tried to comfort the poor, panicstricken father as best they could, but ly German, is only an imitation of t

to no avail. not know him; I do not know you, and The country thereabouts was wild you do not know me. The tailor had and desolste, with here and there a counterfeited in heef never seen him before, and he had nev. farm-house, or a little settlement of buildings, and wide, wild stretches of forests around, where foxes and wolves ing that on the stage "people are ver crept about, panthers howled at night. est chain of golden-linked coincidences and bears were shot every little while. I ever saw. I would go to some other And if one of these savage creatures were to encounter little Betsey, mak- happened forty or fifty years ag ing her hewildered way through the Thera is, I think, rather less genies

her fate! The neighbors separated into little get intoxicated here and get intoxicate "Let me relate a coincidence," said bands, each taking some particular there, and of whom people though the tailor. "Once a young man tried to beat a tailor and failed. Then ansteach for the lost child; and Farmer not drink—scarcely anybody of the other young man tried to beat a tailor Chase went with Mr. Hathaway into character is on the stage at all now.' from the fact that sears ago those venomous reptiles made their nests among to get pure milk. A dairy company the wild masses of rocks which were to be formed with \$50,000 capital,

It was a lonely place, upon the side of I shall take steps towards sending you path from the mill, and Mr. Hathaway to an asylum."—Goodand Herald.

to stray into the wildernesses and look into the mysterious caverns among the

"Cerhaps there are fairies living there," little Betsey had said, solerung for dear little squirrels or raccoons. should like a raccoon to make a pet of " Before they had gone very far, they came to the niarks of tiny footstens of literated here and there by the drifting snow which had piled itself over them With a cry of joy they followed up the cine, which, failing them ever and anon, was still prosty steady, curvey its way here and there, around the trunks of huge trees, and over process. jagged rocks, until saddenly it stopped at the mouth of a black and various aperture in the rooks, where a little big

of Betsey's scarlet hood fluttered on a brambly, low-growing bush The two men stopped and looke 1 at each other, with pair faces. "She is there?" said Mr. Hathan arhearsely. "Give me the lantern, I will follow her.

"Stop," said Farmer Chase, " ilopening is so low and narrow that you cannot pass. "Wherever my little one has

exclaimed the bereaved father, 21 and go, also, But as he was snatching the lasters

away Farmer Chase pointed to some. thing wedged up against the select the jagged rocks- a whitening ben-Man, are you mad?" he eried - A. sure as you are alive that is the deal of pled nose into the door of the Chase "Ali the more reason that I should follow my little Betsey," persisted Me

Hathaway, resolutely. "Let me fire into it, first," and ground, a frozen wind howling through Farmer Chase. "If the creature should

of the gun as de. "And suppose little Betsey should rousting apples and cracking nuts on there, also, he exclaimed, gaspin for pitcher of cold, sparkling eider and a But the gun went off with a prost plate of home made ginger-bread was lous report, which echoed among hills and rocks. The trigger had Charley and little Bell sat side by struck against a branch of a tree, the side on the big settee, in the very deeps producing the very signal upon where est angle of the chimney, where, by they had agreed in case little licture

> a shrill, childish ery inside "Papa! Papa!"

with the vain and roots hashous rengation and roots hashous rengation and reading by the light of the shaded lamp contributed a number of his own verses water, which this heat configuration in the reading by the light of the shaded lamp contributed a number of his own verses of the propulsion of many corpses until long after the legal chinery is water, which this heat configuration in the reading by the light of the shaded lamp contributed a number of his own verses of the propulsion of many corpses until long after the legal chinery is water, which this heat configuration in the reading by the light of the shaded lamp contributed a number of his own verses of the propulsion of many corpses until long after the legal chinery is water, which this heat configuration in the reading by the light of the shaded lamp contributed a number of his own verses of the propulsion of many corpses until long after the legal chinery is water, which this heat configuration is a poet, and lately contributed a number of his own verses of the propulsion of many corpses until long after the legal chinery is water. to a Cambridgeport fair. Each paper Chase, the farmer. "No; certainly pushing the lantern in front of him.

It was only for a short distance that is "No, she isn't," said Mr. Hathaway, was so parrow, and then it became a

"It was so cold and dark," said lit-"You don't think she's lost?" said the Betsey, simply: "and I crawied as

been asleep together. Papa, can't I "Wife, where's my big, shaggy over- take one of 'em home with me coat?" said he. "I'm not going to sit Mr. Hathaway, as can easily be here, warming my feet at the fire, when imagined, lost no time in reasong has my neighbor's little one is in danger of little darling out of the hideous cavera. freezing to death. Get me the lantern, with its strange companionship of wild beasts, who were luckily, too young "Father!" cried Johnny, "can't I to harm the confiding child who had invaded their haunt; and, as they carred her down the mountain side, was a universal favorite in the neigh- wrapped in the shawls which Farmer Chase had brought, they met Hunt-

> He said "Have you found your child?"

"Yes -yes!" they both answered, "So have I found something," said on Rocky Peak, and I've killed her. It was the very she-bear in whom with her mother that afternoon, it den little Betsey had sought refuge. The canary had begun to twitter a seemed. She had been sitting up at and if it had not been for Hunter Ga bones would soon have mingled with the rest that strewed the cavern floor.

> So little Betsey Hathaway was found toward midnight of that bitter Decem-I didn't mean to fire off that signal gue," said Farmer Chase, with a said chuckle; "but it was all right, after

Southern California. Southern California is desirous of Mrs. Hathaway smiled a little at the setting up in business on its own ac--"I only play by note," said a pian- threat. Betsey often "ran away," but count. It complains of the 500 miles ist. "Seems to me you could do more she had never as yet gone further than journey to the capital, Sacramento, and pictures and black-boards take their execution if you would play by ear," the steam saw-mill at the foot of the finds fault with the legislation enacted remarked Fogg. "Such a reach, you bill, where little Minnie Locke, a child there because it fails to take the diknow." And the pianist reached for of her own age, had a whole colony of mate, soil, pursuits and needs of the Fogg. who got himself out of the way dolls, made out of corn-cobs dressed up, southern parts of the State sufficiently and wooden blocks, with eyes, mouths into consideration. There is a wide -A Galveston darky rushed into a and noses, marked with shoe-blacking. difference in these respects in different parts of the State. In the South there claimed: "Come on, doctor, right off.

She never even looked around when is little rain, often not more than a few Betsey stood on a three-legged stool to inches throughout the year. Hee cult an awful fix -laid up in bed agroanin' reach down the scarlet hood, with the une and sheep raising, the orange, I me, and agroanin'." "Who is it?" "It's edging of gray for around the face, and wine, almond and various other semime. You see, boss, I didn't hab nobody trudged off, with her little nose stuck tropical fruits flourish there. In the north there is usually rain enough in "She will be back long before sup-per," the mother said to herself Eut supper-time came, and no little ducted there. These interests exercise Betsey, and the darkness settled dreari- more influence in the Legislature than ly over the many hills and frozen woods, those of the south do. The southern and then they became frightened, and part of the State would like to, but canpleasant young man entering a tailor Mr. Hathaway went in one direction not, get State a'd for artificial irrigaand Peter, the hired man, in another, tion. For these reasons a secession "Well, sir, we shall be glad to serve and Mrs. Locke, of the mill, came to movement has been under way, and stay with the terrified mother until mass meetings are being held. One news, either good or bad, should arrive obstacle to success in the movement is the lack of population. A State of A "The worst of it all is," said Mr. South California would have a popula-Hathaway, "that she may have strayed tion of less than 70,000 inhabitants, and sary to add that you cannot get the of into the woods and lost her way. its government would be an expensive

> The list of edibles for the consum: tion of civilized nations is gradually extending. Asses' meat is the latest addi-"Keep up a brave heart. Neighbor tion to the menu of the unprejudiced diched up in a variety of forms, by a circle of enthusiasts at Breveia, similar in character, we take it, to the wellknown Societe l'Hippophogie, of Paris, only last week, of a savage bear that and pronounced highly satisfactory. But this can scarcely be called a new the tailor. And now look at him to- Rattlesnake Rocks" said Mr. Hatha- discovery, if, as generally understood the meat of the same animal is the chiecomponent in the genuine Bologna sau sage. We may note here that the Hum garian dish. Kolosa, which figures of the biffs of many city restaurants, chief real plat, which, in its native land, made of horsestesh, while here:

> > Mrs. John Drew is quoted as say well paid and very except of whi they do, and none of those marvelor ly funny, queer things happen ! woods! Oh, it made Mr. Hathaway's the stage, but there is more good con blood curdle to think of what would be duct. Those men who used to be yet fimpy and very effatic-who used

> > -Boston is going to make an attem piled together in fantastic shapes in may be increased to \$300,000. It proposed to furnish the fluid from bear

-Ex-Speaker Randall has resum knew that little Betsey had always longed his legal practice in Philadelphia.